

SENATE BILL 2820

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4,
Chapter 1, Part 3, to adopt an official salute to the
Tennessee flag.

WHEREAS, the flag of the State of Tennessee was designed by LeRoy Reeves of the
Third Regiment, Tennessee Infantry; and

WHEREAS, this flag was adopted as the official flag of the State of Tennessee by the
General Assembly on April 17, 1905; and

WHEREAS, our flag (a design of three white stars representing the three grand divisions
of the State bound together by the endless circle on a field of blue, symbolizing an insoluble
trinity, all placed on a solid field of crimson) waves proudly as the most recognizable symbol of
our State; and

WHEREAS, Lucy Steele Harrison, State Regent of The Tennessee Society, Daughters
of the American Revolution from 1980-1983, composed a stirring salute to the Tennessee flag,
which was subsequently designated "the official salute to the flag of Tennessee" by Senate
Joint Resolution No. 63 of the 92nd General Assembly adopted on March 5, 1981; and

WHEREAS, because of the enduring patriotism of Mrs. Harrison's salute, this General
Assembly desires to make this designation more formal; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 1, Part 3, is amended by
adding the following language as a new Section 4-1-329:

§ 4-1-329.

The following salute written by Lucy Steele Harrison is designated and adopted as the
official salute to the flag of Tennessee:

*"Three white stars on a field of blue
God keep them strong and ever true
It is with pride and love that we
Salute the Flag of Tennessee."*

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.